

County Library Board Meeting
March 20, 2008

The meeting came to order at 10:17 with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Trustees, Gary Forney, and Pat Bradley. We were later joined by Bill Peterson, Montana Heritage Commission. Absent from the meeting were Vice Chair, Judy Brendel and Trustee, Donna Ohs.

The minutes of the February 14th meeting were read. A motion by Forney to accept the minutes as read was followed by a second from Bradley.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on the building project and how we wish to proceed.

The planned "Library Laws" presentation by Harold Blattie was postponed until May.

Budget details were handed out and discussed.

Joanne shared news from the Broad Valleys Federation Meeting.

We were joined by Montana Heritage Department Head of Education and Interpretation, Bill Peterson. He presented our board with written documentation of our Education Partnership Group Timeline for the last several years. He also outlined future groups that are scheduled to arrive in Virginia City this year. The University of Washington, Pullman students would be using the library from May 7th through May 23rd. Erdall stressed to Peterson that she needs to be kept in the loop and early planning process when the dates are being set up. It would be too much of a burden to try to handle all the students and the library for just one person. We need to make sure the schedule includes Faye and Joanne anytime we are assisting the education partnership groups, because the archives is a closed stack. All materials brought out of the archives must to be handled by staff first. Peterson is looking into grants to fund an all teachers' class in the near future. The board asked Peterson to please remember mentioning the library and archives roles when presenting reports to the press or Heritage Commission.

The Annual Montana Library Association Conference would be held in Great Falls April 9th through 12th. Erdall would attend two days of continuing education workshops.

The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 17th at 10:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:40.